

CHURN VALLEY H3

November 3rd 2013

Run 1626 – Merry Fellow, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham.

Hare: Carloss

Firstly I always thought that Corn Dolly was a very nice man, but obviously not that nice as he gave me the hat for climbing over a gate in the wrong place! I can't really remember the incident, but my answer was that having had a complete knee replacement a few months ago I was pleased that I could actually climb the said gate!

Now to this week's run, Frank and I pulled into the pub car park at 10:45 and found Dylan looking rather perplexed. He was just beginning to think that he had got the wrong venue, as there were no other hashers in sight. Now seeing Frank is not necessarily a good thing as he has a reputation for choosing the wrong trail and getting himself lost so could well have been true to form (again). Just at this point Richard and Neil walked into the car park, confirming that this was the right pub.

Eventually about 28 hashers, 2 children, 7 dogs and two females on horses congregated in the lovely sunshine. The two horse riders decided not to join the hash as they had already been out on a 3-hour hack. One of the riders was my son's girlfriend and she dropped by to say hello on her way back to the stables. The briefing was quick. Carloss didn't know the distance, as his pedometer was broken. He gave the walkers a map, but the explanation was a little confusing. The map only had the one trail marked so not sure if that was just the short route or the full run. Having pointed the runners in the right direction, Carloss led the walkers through alleyways towards the Cirencester road. Emerging onto Little Herberts Road the runners could be seen off to our left, all milling around looking for flour. Carloss called to them and we all went through another alley onto Pumphrey's Close. Off went the hare and runners, not to be seen again until near the finish.

We crossed the Lilley Brook Golf Course, following the footpath sign & dodging those little white dimpled balls, and turned left onto Sandy Lane. At this point we came across Dylan running downhill. He had found an arrow, some way up the track, with a 'S' pointing uphill, but he had not found any flour to indicate any other routes. As we had not encountered the runners, he turned round and ran back up the hill. The tract seemed to be extremely long and forever going up hill, and although we had a map there was a decided lack of flour or any other kind of hash markings. Passing through a gate and across a meadow we came to Daisybank Road. I was now on familiar ground and could get us back to the pub if we didn't find any flour. From this point the track went down hill towards Southfield Manor. Going round one side of the Old Patesian's Rugby ground, we were joined/passed by the longs & mediums. Over a footbridge and through a small housing estate we found ourselves on the outward trail. The final quarter of the trail was a test of memory as there was no indication of an "on in or on home". I did hear that some of the longs nearly did a second circuit as they came across a marked circle from the outward trail!

The pub had had a beer festival over the weekend, and there were about 10 different beers on offer in the skittle alley. Musthashless, after a long speech, awarded the bags to Sheena for some comment she made to him at the start of the hash and because all the other candidates had left or were not going to attend next week. The Sheep's hat went to Carloss for not using enough flour.

Zandra.

ON-ONS

1628	17 th Nov	TBC	Once a Knight & Sharon
1629	24 th Nov	The Keepers Arms, Church Rd Quenington GL7 5BL	Anorak & Pole Pussy
1630	1 st Dec	Cirencester Rugby Club	Dogger & Dick the Zip
1631	8 th Dec	White Hart, High Road, Ashton Keynes SN6 6NX	Knackered & Clipboard
1632	15 th Dec	The Vaults, 5 Beeches Road, Cirencester GL7 1BN (Xmas Dinner)	Fishfingers and Kips
1633	22 nd Dec	Carpenters Arms, Westrip Stroud GL6 6EY (Mince Pies & mulled wine)	Gerald and Martin
1634	26 th Dec	Daneway	Fishfingers